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PLANNER & TRACKER

Natural Sciences and Technology Grade 6

- Progress tracker
- Intervention strategies
- Worksheets and exam papers
- Assessment support
- Key vocabulary



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The worksheets in this resource book are developed for use with *Oxford Successful Natural Sciences* and *Technology* Grade 6 Learner's Book. The answers to the worksheets can be found in the *Oxford Successful Natural Sciences and Technology* Grade 6 Teacher's Guide.

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TERM 1 Progress tracker for Oxford Successful Natural Sciences and Technology Grade 6 STRAND 1 **NATURAL SCIENCES: Life and Living TECHNOLOGY: Processing Content and** Learner's Time Weeks concepts Book allocated Date of Teacher Assessment (as per 2023/24 (as per completion reflection page ref. ATP) ATP) **Photosynthesis** 10 2,5 Plants and food 10 weeks 1-3 14 (8,75 Plants and air hours) **Nutrients in food** 16 2 weeks 3-5 Food groups 16 (7 hours) Nutrition 22 1,5 22 5-6 Balanced diets weeks (5,25 hours) 3 weeks **Ecosystems and** 36 food webs (10.5 7–9 36 hours) Different ecosystems 40 Living and nonliving things in ecosystems 42 Food webs Revision Exemplar Strand 1: Summary test 10-11 LB: p. 44 LB: p. 45 Control test TG: p. 132

TERM 2

Progress tracker for Oxford Successful Natural Sciences and Technology Grade 6 STRAND 2 **NATURAL SCIENCES: Matter and Materials TECHNOLOGY: Processing** Weeks **Content and** Learner's Time **Formal** concepts Book allocate Date of Teacher assessment (as per 2023/24 page ref. d (as per completion reflection activities ATP) ATP) 1 48 Solids, liquids 1 week and gases (3, 5)48 hours) Arrangement of particles 2 51 1 week Practical task: **Mixtures** 51 (3,5)Activity 1 Mixtures of hours) LB: p. 52 materials 56 TG: p. 64 Solutions 3-4 2 weeks Solutions as 58 Practical task: special mixtures (7 hours) Activity 3 LB: p. 61 Soluble 58 substances TG: p. 70 62 Saturated solutions 64 Insoluble substances 5 66 1 week Practical task: Dissolving 66 (3,5 Activity 1 Rates of LB: p. 67 dissolving hours) TG: p. 76 6-7 Mixtures and 70 2 weeks water resources (7 hours) 70 Water pollution 74 Importance of wetlands 8-9 **Processes to** 76 2 weeks purify water (7 hours) 76 Clean water 10-11 Revision Exemplar test Strand 2: Summary LB: p. 80 LB: p. 79 Exemplar midyear exam LB: p. 82 Control test (Terms 1 and 2) TG: p. 139

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	STRAND 3							
	NATURAL SCIENCES: Energy and Change							
304	TECHNOLOGY: Systems and Control							
Weeks	Content and	Learner's Book page	Time allocated	Formal	Date of	Teacher		
	concepts (as per	Dook page	(as per	assessment	completion	reflection		
	2023/24 ATP)		CAPS)	activities				
1–3	Electrical circuits	86	3 weeks					
	Simple circuits	86	(10,5					
			hours)					
	• Circuit	90						
4–5	diagrams Electrical	93	2	Practical				
4-5	conductors and	93	2 weeks (7 hours)	task:				
	insulators		(7 Hours)	Activity 2				
	Conductors	93		LB: p. 93				
	Conductors			TG: p. 95				
	 Insulators 	96						
6–7	Systems to solve	98	2 weeks	OR				
	problems		(7 hours)	Practical				
	Using electric	98		task:				
	circuits			Activity 1				
				LB: p. 100 TG: p. 99				
8–9	Mains electricity	102	2 weeks	Τα. ρ. 99				
	Fossil fuels	102	(7 hours)					
	and		,					
	electricity							
	• Cost of	105						
	electricity							
	Renewable	111						
	ways to							
	generate electricity							
10–11	Revision			Exemplar				
-3	Strand 3: Summary	LB: p. 113		test				
	,	·		LB: p. 114				
				Control test				
				TG: p. 146				

TERM 4

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STRAND 4

NATURAL SCIENCES: Planet Earth and Beyond
TECHNOLOGY: Systems and Control

TECHNOLOGY: Systems and Control						
Weeks	Content and concepts (as per CAPS)	Learner Book page	Time allocated (as per ATP)	Formal assessment activities	Date of completion	Teacher reflection
1–3	The solar system The Sun, planets	116 116	2,5 weeks	Practical task: Activity 2		
	and asteroids		(8,75 hours)	LB: p. 119 TG: p. 115		
	• Moons	120	,	'		
3–4	Movements of the Earth and planets	122	1 week (3,5			
	Rotation (Earth)	122	hours)			
	Revolution (Earth)	124				
4–5	The movement of the Moon	126	1 week (3,5			
	Rotation (Moon)	126	hours)			
	Revolution (Moon)	128				
5–6	Systems for looking into space	130	1 week (3,5			
	• Telescopes	130	hours)			
6–8	Systems to explore the Moon and Mars	132	2,5 weeks	OR Practical task:		
	Vehicles used on the Moon	132	(8,75 hours)	Activity 1 LB: p. 132 TG: p. 126		
	 Vehicles used on Mars 	135				
9	Revision Strand 4: Summary LB: p.	137		Exemplar test LB: p. 138		
				Control end- of-year exam (Terms 1-4) TG: p. 152		

STRAND 1: Science vocabulary

ADDITIVE [IN FOOD]

Pronunciation ad-uh-tive

Part of speech noun (plural: additives)

Definition something that is added to food

in small amounts

Afrikaans bymiddel IsiXhosa isinongi IsiZulu isinongo

CARBOHYDRATE

Pronunciation *kaa-boh-hide-rayt*

Part of speech noun (plural: carbohydrates)

Definition enegy-rich nutrient like sugar or

starch

Afrikaans koolhidraat

IsiXhosa isakhamzimba esinika amandla

IsiZulu isikhuthazimandla;

ikhabhohayidirethi

CARBON DIOXIDE

Pronunciation kaa-buhn dy-ok-side

Part of speech noun (no plural)

Definition a gas in the air that plants and

animals give off when they breathe and that plants need for

photosynthesis

Afrikaans koolstofdioksied; koolsuurgas

IsiXhosa umoya ongcolileyo

IsiZulu isikhutha

COLOURANT

Pronunciation *kul-uh-rint*

Part of speech noun (plural: colourants)

Definition food additive used to improve

the look of a food product

Afrikaans kleursel

IsiXhosa isiqholo esinombala
IsiZulu isinongo esisetshenzi

siZulu isinongo esisetshenziswa

ukuthuthukisa ukubukeka

kokudla

CONSUMER [IN FOOD WEB]

Pronunciation *kuhn-syoom-uh*

Part of speech noun (plural consumers)

Definition an animal that feeds on plants

or on animals that have eaten

plants

Afrikaans verbruiker

IsiXhosa izidla-zityalo

IsiZulu isilwane esidla izitshalo

DECOMPOSER

Pronunciation *dee-kuhm-pohz-uh*

Part of speech noun (plural: decomposers)

Definition a micro-organism that breaks

down dead plant and animal

matter

Afrikaans ontbinder

IsiXhosa intsholongwane ebolisayo
IsiZulu igciwane elisebenza ukubolisa

noma ukubhucisa

DIABETES

Pronunciation *dy-uh-bee-tiz* **Part of speech** noun (no plural)

Definition a disease that makes it difficult

for your body to control the level of sugar in your blood

Afrikaans suikersiekte

IsiXhosa isifo seswekile IsiZulu isifo sikashukela

DIET

Pronunciation *dy-uht*

Part of speech noun (plural: diets)

Definition the selection of food a person

usually eats from day to day

Afrikaans dieet

IsiXhosa ukutya; indlela yokutya

IsiZulu uhlelo lokudla; indlela yokudla

ECOSYSTEM

Pronunciation *ee-koh-siss-tuhm*

Part of speechnoun (plural: ecosystems)Definitiona system made up of the

habitats and community of

plants and animals

Afrikaans ekosisteem

IsiXhosa umxokomezelo wendalo IsiZulu isayensi yokuphilisana nobudlelwano phakathi

kwezitshalo nezilwane

<u>FAT</u>

Pronunciation fat

Part of speech noun (plural: fats)

Definition the substance containing oil that

we get from animals, plants or seeds and use for cooking

Afrikaans vet

IsiXhosa amanqatha; amafutha IsiZulu itebhe; inoni; amafutha

FERMENT

Pronunciation fuh-ment

Part of speech verb (fermenting; fermented)

Definition process of using yeasts or

bacteria to turn carbohydrates into acids. alcohols or carbon

dioxide

Afrikaans gis IsiXhosa igwele IsiZulu -vubela

FLAVOURANT

Pronunciation *flay-vuh-rint*

Part of speech noun (plural: flavourants)

Definition a food additive used to improve

a food product's taste or smell

Afrikaans geursel

IsiXhosa isiqholo; isinongo

IsiZulu isithokela

FOOD WEB

Pronunciation food web

Part of speech noun (plural: food webs)

Definition a system of linked food chains

that depend on each other

Afrikaans voedselweb

IsiXhosa ikhonkco lokutya
IsiZulu umzungezo wokudla

GLUCOSE

Pronunciation *gloo-kohss*

Part of speech noun (no plural)

Definition a type of sugar in your blood

that gives you energy

Afrikaans glukose

IsiXhosa iswekile enika amandla
IsiZulu ushukela onika amandla

MICRO-ORGANISM

Pronunciation *mike-roh aw-quh-niz-m*

Part of speech noun (plural: micro-organisms)

Definition an extremely small living thing

that you can only see with a

special instrument

Afrikaans mikro-organisme

IsiXhosa intsholongwane; imayikhro-

oganizim

IsiZulu igciwane

MINERAL

Pronunciation *min-uh-ruhl*

Part of speech noun (plural: minerals)

Definition a nutrient like calcium that is

important for healthy growth

and development

Afrikaans mineraal

IsiXhosa isakhamzimba esisidlo

IsiZulu -okunika amandla emzimbeni

ukuze ubenempilo

OBESE

Pronunciation *oh-beess*Part of speech adjective

Definition very overweight, in a way that is

not healthy

Afrikaans vetsugtig IsiXhosa -tyebe kakhulu

IsiZulu -okhuluphele

OIL

Pronunciation oyl

Part of speech noun (plural: oils)

Definition a liquid, energy-rich nutrient

that does not mix with water

Afrikaans olie

IsiXhosa ioli; ioyile

IsiZulu amafutha; u-oyela

OXYGEN

Pronunciation *ok-si-juhn*

Part of speech verb (no plural)

Definition a gas in the air and in water that

plants and animals need to take in to live, and that plants make

Afrikaans suurstof

IsiXhosa i-oksijini; umongomoya IsiZulu umoyampilo; umoya

ohlanzekile; i-oksijini

PHOTOSYNTHESIS

Pronunciation foh-toh-sin-thuh-siss

Part of speech noun (no pural)

Definition the process by which plants take

in Sun energy to make food

Afrikaans fotosintese

IsiXhosa ukwenziwa kokutya zizityalo

ngelanga

IsiZulu ukwakhiwa kokudla yizitshalo

eziluhlaza zisebenzisa ilanga

PRESERVATIVE

Pronunciation *pri-zurv-uh-tiv*

Part of speech noun (plural: preservatives)

Definition a food additive that is used to

make a food product last longer

Afrikaans preserveermiddel

IsiXhosa isilondolozi

IsiZulu isivimbelakubola

PRODUCER

Pronunciation pruh-dyoo-suh

Part of speech noun (plural: producers)

Definition a plant that produces its own

food

Afrikaans produsent IsiXhosa umvelisi

IsiZulu isitshalo esizikhiqizela ukudla

PROTEIN

Pronunciation *proh-teen*

Part of speech noun (plural: proteins)

Definition a nutrient like meat for growth

and repair

Afrikaans proteïen; proteïne

IsiXhosa iprotheni; isakhamzimba

IsiZulu iphrotheyini

<u>VITAMIN</u>

Pronunciation *vit-uh-min*

Part of speech noun (plural: vitamins)

Definition a nutrient like Vitamin C that

you need to be healthy

Afrikaans vitamien

IsiXhosa ivithamini; isakhamzimba

esiyivithamini

IsiZulu umongo osekudleni okufana

nezithelo nemifino osigcina

sondlekile; uvithamini



ACTIVITY 1: Draw and write about how plants make food Grade: Name: 1. Make a drawing of the sunflower plant in Figure 3 on page 11 of the Learner's Book. 2. Add the labels given in the Learner's Book to your drawing. 3. Draw arrows to show where the water, carbon dioxide and oxygen enter the plant. 4. Write about how plants make food, using your drawing as a guide. Start at the roots.



completing the ta		he four different fo	
Carbohydrates	Proteins	Fats and oils	Vitamins an minerals
For the fats and o	ils foods, identify t	he ones that are fa	its.
	er the foods in eac	h group are from r	nostly plants o
mostly animals.			
Carbonydrates:			



ACTIVITY	2: Study an ecosystem
Name:	Grade:
Aim: In this ecosystem	s activity you will look for links between plants and animals in an
Method	
Step 1-2	Refer to page 39 of the Learner's Book.
Step 3	Identify and draw three plants and animals.
<i></i>	
X.	/

Questions

1. Look for signs of feeding on each of the three plants. Identify what has been eating them and which parts of the plant have been eaten.

	Plan	t 1:	Eaten by:	
			Part(s) eaten:	
	Plan	t 2:	Eaten by:	
			Part(s) eaten:	
	Plan	t 3:	Eaten by:	
			Part(s) eaten:	
2.	State	what	each of the three animals eat.	
	Anim	al 1: _		
	Anim	al 2:		
	Anim	al 3:		
	2.1		e the sort of animal that would eat each of these animals	s.
		Anima	al 1:	
			al 2:	
			al 3:	
	2.2		in how these animals and plants depend on each other	for
3.	Ident	ify and	d describe possible threats to your ecosystem.	
	-			
	3.1	Sugge	est possible ways to overcome the threat or problem.	

ACTIVITY 2: Draw and label food webs

Name:	Grade:
1. Identify and draw three food cha	ins that make up the food web below.
Complete this food web for the K tsamma melons.	alahari Desert, beginning with the
	analo e
striped mouse	snake leopard
tsamma melons	
3. Look at the rocky shore ecosyster Draw and label a simple food wel	m on page 37 of the Learner's Book. o for this ecosystem.
Draw and label a simple food wel	o for this ecosystem.

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NATURAL SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY

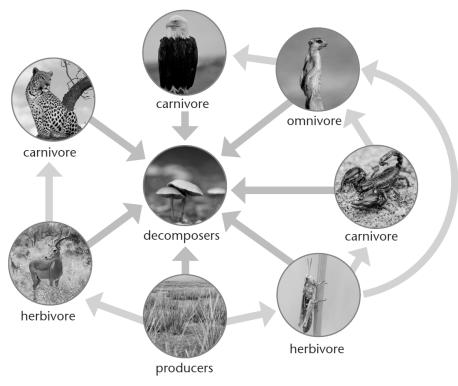
STRAND 1: Control test

Na	me:				_ Grade:	
1.	Fill in the missing w	ords:				(6)
	Plants make their o	wn food by a	a process	called 1.1		•
•	They use 1.2		from t	he soil, 1.3		
	from the air and 1.4	4		_ to make 1.5 _		
	In the process, they	give off 1.6			into the	air.
						[6]
2.	F <u>ill in the missing p</u>	arts of the ta	ble with	foods from the	box below.	(5)
	milk	fish	spinach	butter	pasta	

Nutrient group	Food
Carbohydrates	2.1
Proteins	2.2
Fats and oils	2.3
Vitamins and minerals	2.4

[5]

3. Look at the food web below and answer the questions that follow:



Identify the ecosystem in which you will find this food web	(1)
Describe the ecosystem. (<i>Hint</i> : Explain the conditions in thi ecosystem.)	s (3)
Identify three food chains in this food web.	(3)
Define the term <i>producer</i> .	(2)
	[9

Total: 20 marks

STRAND 2: Science vocabulary

ACID
Pronunciation ass-id

Part of speech noun (plural: acids)

Definition a substance with a pH less than

7; strong acids can burn things

and make holes in metal

Afrikaans suur IsiXhosa iasidi

IsiZulu uketshezi olushisayo; i-esidi

Pronunciation di-zolv

DISSOLVE

Part of speech verb (dissolving; dissolved)

-ncibilikisa

Definition to mix a solid and a liquid until

the solid becomes part of the liquid and is no longer visible

Afrikaans oplos

IsiXhosa nyibilikisa

CRYSTALLISATION

Part of speech noun (no plural)

Pronunciation kris-tah-li-zay-shuhn

Definition the slow process of forming

crystals from a solution

Afrikaans kristallisering

IsiXhosa untlalutyiso; ukwakheka

kweentlalutye

IsiZulu ukuphenduka kube itshe

CRYSTALLISE

Pronunciation *kris-tah-lize*

Part of speech verb (crystallising; crystallised)

Definition to form crystals from a solution

Afrikaans kristaliseer IsiXhosa untlautyiso

IsiZulu ukwenzasatshe

DECANT

Pronunciation di-kant

Part of speech verb (decanting; decanted)

Definition to pour out a liquid to separate

it from the sediment

Afrikaans afgiet; dekanteer

IsiXhosa ukucwenga

IsiZulu ukucwenga

EVAPORATE

IsiZulu

Pronunciation *i-vap-uh-rayt*

Part of speech verb (evaporating; evaporated)

Definition to change from a liquid into a

gas

Afrikaans verdamp

IsiXhosa ukuba ngumphunga

IsiZulu -hwamuka

FERTILISER

Pronunciation *fur-ti-lize-uh*

Part of speech noun (plural: fertilisers)

Definition a natural or artificial additive to

soil to make plants grow better

Afrikaans kunsmis; misstof

IsiXhosa isichumisi

IsiZulu isivundisi; umanyolo; umquba

FILTER

Pronunciation *fil-tuh*

Part of speech verb (filtering; filtered)

Definition to separate a solid from a liquid

using a funnel and filter paper

Afrikaans filtreer IsiXhosa hluza

IsiZulu -cwenga; -vova; -hluza; -sefa

DIARRHOEA

Pronunciation *u-uh-ree-uh* Pron Part of speech noun (no plural) Part

Definition an infectious illness that causes

a runny stomach

Afrikaans diarree

IsiXhosa urhudo; ukuhambisa IsiZulu isihudo; ushudo GAS

Pronunciation gass

Part of speech noun (plural: gases)

Definition a substance like air that is not a

solid or a liquid

Afrikaans gas

IsiXhosa igesi; irhasi

IsiZulu igesi

INSECTICIDE		PARTICLE	
Pronunciation	in- sek -ti-side	Pronunciation	paa -tik-l
Part of speech	noun (insecticides)	Part of speech	noun (plural: particles)
Definition	a chemical substance you use to kill insects you do not want	Definition	a very small part that makes up matter
Afrikaans	insekdoder	Afrikaans	deeltjie
IsiXhosa	isibulala-zinambuzane	IsiXhosa	isuntswana
IsiZulu	umuthi wokubulala izilwanyakazane/isinambuzane	IsiZulu	inhlayiya
INSOLUBLE	,	SATURATE	
Pronunciation	in- sol -yuhb-l	Pronunciation	sat -yuh-rayt
Part of speech	adjective	Part of speech	verb (saturating; saturated)
Definition	when a solid is not able to	Definition	to fill a solution so that it has no
	dissolve in a liquid and the solid		more space for any more
	is still visible after mixing		particles of the solute
Afrikaans	onoplosbaar	Afrikaans	versadig
IsiXhosa	into enganyibilikiyo	IsiXhosa	eyeneleyo
IsiZulu	-ngancibiliki	IsiZulu	-ngokuyidadada;
			-ngokweqisiwe; -jonqisa
<u>LIQUID</u>		SATURATION	
Pronunciation	lik -wid	Pronunciation	sat -yuh-ray-shuhn
Part of speech	noun (plural: liquids)	Part of speech	noun (no plural)
Definition	a substance like water that is	Definition	the process of filling a solution
	not a solid or a gas		so that it has no more space for
Afrikaans	vloeistof		any more particles of the solute
IsiXhosa	ulwelo	Afrikaans	versadiging
IsiZulu	uketshezi	IsiXhosa	ukuzalizwa kwento
			ngokwaneleyo
MATTER		IsiZulu	ukujonqisa
Pronunciation		SETTLE	
•	noun (no plural)	Pronunciation	
Definition	any physical substance in solid,	•	verb (settling; settled)
	liquid or gas state	Definition	to sink down and clarify a liquid
Afrikaans	materie; stof	Afrikaans	afsak
IsiXhosa	into	IsiXhosa	-ngcwenga
IsiZulu	utho	IsiZulu	-zika
MIXTURE		SIEVE	
Pronunciation	mikss -tshuh	Pronunciation	
	noun (plural: mixtures)		verb (sieving; sieved)
Definition	two or more different	Definition	to separate substances by
	substances or materials		passing one through a mesh
	combined together	Afrikaans	sif
Afrikaans	mengsel	IsiXhosa	isihluzo
IsiXhosa	umxube	IsiZulu	sefa; -hlunga

ingxube; inhlanganisela

IsiZulu

SOLID

Pronunciation sol-id

Part of speech noun (plural: solids)

Definition a substance that is hard, not like

a liquid or a gas

Afrikaans vaste stof
IsiXhosa into eqinileyo
IsiZulu -qinile; isigaxa

SOLUBLE

Pronunciation *sol-yuhb-l*Part of speech adjective

Definition when a solid is able to dissolve

in a liquid

Afrikaans oplosbaar

IsiXhosa -nokunyityilikiswa IsiZulu -encibilikayo SOLVENT

Pronunciation *sol-vuhnt*

Part of speech noun (plural: solvents)

Definition a liquid in which a solute can

dissolve

Afrikaans oplosmiddel
IsiXhosa -nyibilikisa(yo)
IsiZulu into engancibilikisa

SORT [INTO GROUPS]

Pronunciation sawt

Part of speech verb (sorting; sorted)

Definition to separate things or substances

by putting them into groups that

are similar

Afrikaans sorteer IsiXhosa -hlela

IsiZulu -khetha; -ahlukanisa

ngezinhlobo

SOLUTE

Pronunciation *sol-yoot*

Part of speech noun (plural: solutes)

Definition a solid that can dissolve in a

liquid

Afrikaans opgeloste stof

IsiXhosa into enyibilikayo emanzini

IsiZulu into encibilikayo

VIBRATE

Pronunciation *vy-brayt*

Part of speech verb (vibrating; vibrated)

Definition to move continuously and

rapidly to and fro

Afrikaans vibreer; tril

IsiXhosa -ngcangcazela; -ngcangcazelisa IsiZulu -vevezela; -thuthumela; -dlidliza;

-zamazama

SOLUTION

Pronunciation *suh-loo-shuhn*

Part of speech noun (plural: solutions)

Definition a mixture of a solid and a liquid

where the solid fills the spaces between the liquid particles

Afrikaans oplossing

IsiXhosa ukunyityilikiswa

IsiZulu umbhubhudlo; incibilikiselo

WETLAND

Pronunciation wet-luhnd

Part of speech noun (plural: wetlands)

Definition an area of land that is mostly

covered by water and that is a habitat for plants and animals which we want to protect

willen we want to pro

Afrikaans moerasland **IsiXhosa** umhlaba olijojo

IsiZulu ixhaphozi



ACTIVITY 2 gases	2: Draw the particle arrangement of solids, liquids and	
Name:	Grade:	
of the Lead 2. Add the foundation of the Lead • Particle of Particle of Particle of the Lead • Part	liagram to represent each of the pictures in Figure 6 on page arner's Book. following labels to the diagrams you have drawn: les that vibrate in the same place les that are far apart les that can move past each other you match the correct label to the correct diagram.)	50



ACTIVITY 1: Make, draw and write about mixtures

Name:_	Grade:
Aim: In th	his activity you will make mixtures and compare them.
Materials	s: Refer to page 52 of the Learner's Book for a list of materials.
Method:	Follow Steps 1 and 2 on page 52 of the Learner's Book.
Step 3	Draw a diagram of a mixture of two solids.
Step 4	Draw a diagram of a mixture of a solid and a liquid.
Step 5	Label the substances if you can see them.

Results: Record your results in this table. (24)					
Mixture	Material number 1	Material number 2	Is material number 1 visible or invisible?	Is material number 2 visible or invisible?	
Α					
В					
С					
D					
Е					
F					
G					
Н					
1					
J					
K					
L					

Teacher assessment of experimental procedure: 6 marks

Total: $(30 \div 2) = 15 \text{ marks}$



ACTIVITY 3: Filter and	purify water	
Name:		Grade:
•	sperately thirs	in a desert. You come across a small sty but you have to clean the water system to purify water.
PART 2: Design a solution	n	
Steps 1–2 Refer to page 7	78 of the Learr	ier's Book.
Step 3 Evaluate your i		
Method of separation	Materials	Problems
Sorting by hand	Hands	
Sieving	Sticks	
Filtering	Your sock	
Settling	A cup	
Boiling	Fire and pot	
Step 4 Write a paragra ————————————————————————————————	ph about why	your idea will make the water clean.
-		d method of filtering the water. I enter and exit the system.



STRAND 2: Control test

Na	ame:_		_ Grade:
1.	Name	the state defined by the following:	
	1.1	The particles are packed closely together.	(1)
	1.2	The particles can move around each other.	(1)
	1.3	The spaces between the particles are big.	(1)
			[3]
2.	Answ	er the following questions:	
	2.1	Give an example of a mixture of two solids.	(2)
	2.2	Give an example of a mixture of two liquids.	(2)
	2.3	Identify the solute and the solvent in salt water.	(2)
	2.4	Identify the group of solids that does not form a so	olution in water. (1)
	2.5	State what a solution is called when no more solu	te can dissolve
		in it.	(1)
			[8]
3.	State	whether the following are true or false:	
	3.1	Salt will dissolve faster in cold water.	(1)

	3.2	Large grains of salt dissolve faster than small grains.	(1)
	3.3	Salt can be removed from water by evaporation.	(1)
	3.4	Sand can be removed from beans by filtering.	(1)
			[4]
4.	Provi	ide one example of each of the following: Soluble pollution	(1)
	4.2	Insoluble pollution	(1)
	4.3	Disease that is spread in water.	(1)
			[3]
5.	Desc	ribe two ways in which wetlands are important.	(2)

Total: 20 marks

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NATURAL SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY

STRAND 2: Control test	(Terms 1 and 2)
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Name:_____ Grade:____

1. Match the word in Column A with the examples in Column B. (5)

Column A	Column B
1.1 Carbohydrate	A Fizzy cooldrink, ice cream
1.2 Food additive	B Bacteria, fungi
1.3 Junk food	C Sugar, starch
1.4 Fast food	D Fried chicken, pizza
1.5 Decomposer	E Preservative, flavourant, colourant

[5]

2. Give the functions of the different food groups.

Food group	Function
Carbohydrates	2.1
	(1)
Proteins	2.2
	(2)
Fats and oils	2.3
	(2)
Vitamins and minerals	2.4
	(2)

[7]

3. Look at the processed foods below and answer the questions that follow.

Α



C

D







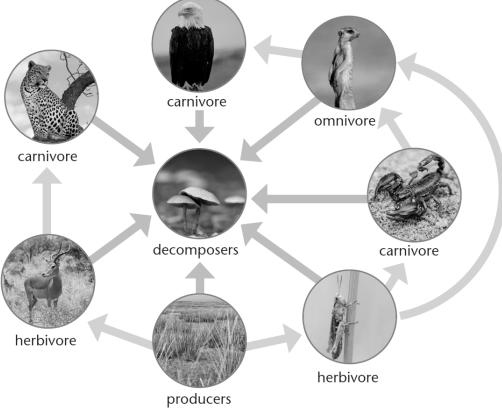


3.1 Identify the food that is made by fermenting.

(1)

3.2	Identify the food that is preserved by pickling.	(1)
3.3	Define the process of fermenting.	(2)
3.4	Define the process of pickling.	(2)
		 [6]

4. Look at the food web and answer the questions below.



4.1 Explain the role of producers in a food web. (3)

4.2 Explain the role of decomposers in a food web. (3)

	4.3	Give the term for an animal that eats herbivores.	(1)
			[7]
5.	Draw	\prime a labelled diagram that shows the arrangement of particles i	n a:
	5.1	solid	(2)
	5.2	liquid	(2)
	5.3	gas.	(2)
`~-		·································	[6]
6.		e down definitions for the following terms.	
	6.1	Solute	(1)
	6.2	Mixture	(1)
	6.3	Soluble	(1)
7	Doso	ribe how to tost if the grain size has an effect on the rate of	[3]
/.		ribe how to test if the grain size has an effect on the rate of living. Explain the method in numbered steps.	(5)

			Cold water	Warm water	Hot wate	er
		ne taken to dissolve t in water (minutes)	10	8	4	
						!
						[4]
	 Jame	e the best method to s	eparate the fo	llowing substar	nces in a	[4]
n			eparate the fo	·····llowing substar	nces in a	•
n 9	nixtu	ıre.	eparate the fo	llowing substar	nces in a	[4] (1)

10. Classify the following examples of pollution as soluble or insoluble.	
10.1 Tyres:	(1)

10.2 Washing powder: ________(1)

10.3 Fertiliser: _______(1)

[3]

[3]

11. Describe an important function of a wetland. (1)

STRAND 3: Science vocabulary

BUZZER

Pronunciation buz-uh

Part of speech noun (plural: buzzers)

Definition a device that makes a sound like

a bee

Afrikaans gonser

IsiXhosa intsimbi eliqhosha

IsiZulu okokushaya insimbi okusebenza

ngogesi

DEVICE

Pronunciation di-vise

Part of speech noun (plural: devices)

Definition something which changes one

type of energy into a different

type of energy

Afrikaans toestel IsiXhosa isixhobo

IsiZulu isisebenziso; insizakusebenza

CIRCUIT DIAGRAM

Pronunciation *sur-kit dy-uh-gram*

Part of speech noun (plural: circuit diagrams)

Definition a drawing of the path along

which an electric current flows

Afrikaans stroombaandiagram;

kringdiagram

IsiXhosa umzobo wojikeleziso lombane

IsiZulu umdwebo okhombisa

ukuhamba kwegesi

ELECTRIC CIRCUIT

Pronunciation i-lek-trik *sur-kit*

Part of speech noun (plural: electric circuits)

Definition a system that transfers electrical

energy

Afrikaans elektriese kring; stroombaan

IsiXhosa indlela yokudlisa; ukujikelezisa

umbane

IsiZulu umgudu kagesi; impelelomgudu

kagesi

CIRCUIT SYMBOL

Pronunciation sur-kit simb-l

Part of speech noun (plural: circuit symbols)

Definition symbols on a circuit diagram

that represents a piece of equipment connected to the

system

Afrikaans stroombaansimbool;

kringsimbool

IsiXhosa uphawo lojikeleziso lombane

IsiZulu uphawu olutholakala

kumdwebo okhombisa ukuhamba kukagesi **FOSSIL FUEL**

Pronunciation foss-I fyoo-uhl

Part of speech noun (plural: fossil fuels)

Definition energy that comes from burning

natural material formed a very long time ago from dead plants

and animals

Afrikaans fossielbrandstof

IsiXhosa amafutha avela endalweni

IsiZulu isiphehlamandla esimbiwayo

CONDUCTOR [ELECTRICITY]

Pronunciation kuhn-duk-tuh

Part of speech noun (plural: conductors)

Definition substance that allows electricity

to pass through or along it

Afrikaans geleiei

IsiXhosa isinikezeli sombane; isigqithiseli

sombane

IsiZulu isidlulisi sikagesi

HYDROELECTRIC POWER

Pronunciation hy-droh-i-lek-trik pow-wuh

Part of speech noun (no plural)

Definition the energy from water used to

generate electricity

Afrikaans hidroëlektriese krag; waterkrag

IsiXhosa umbane otsalwa emanzini

IsiZulu amandla kagesi adonswa

emanzini

INSULATOR [ELECTRICITY]

Pronunciation in-syuu-lay-tuh

Part of speech noun (plural: insulators)

Definition a material or device that

prevents electricity from passing

through

Afrikaans isolator; nie-geleier

IsiXhosa isigqumi

IsiZulu isivimbelakushisa

POWER STATION

Pronunciation *pow-wuh stay-shuhn*

Part of speech noun (plural: power stations)

Definition a place where electricity is

generated

Afrikaans kragsentrale

IsiXhosa isitishi sombane; iziko lombane

IsiZulu isiteshi sikagesi

LIGHT BULB

Pronunciation lite bulb

Part of speech noun (plural: light bulbs)

Definition the glass part of an electric lamp

that gives light

Afrikaans gloeilamp

IsiXhosa ibhalbhu

IsiZulu igilobhu; isibani

PYLON

Pronunciation *pile-uhn*

Part of speech noun (plural: pylons)

Definition a tall metal tower that supports

heavy electrical wires high

above the ground

Afrikaans kragmas

IsiXhosa uphondo lwentsimbi yombane

IsiZulu umbhoshongo wensimbi

MOTOR

Pronunciation *moh-tuh*

Part of speech noun (plural: motors)

Definition the part inside a machine that

generates energy to make it

move or work

Afrikaans motor IsiXhosa injini

IsiZulu injini

SWITCH

Pronunciation swich

Part of speech noun (plural: switches)

Definition a part of an electrical circuit that

opens and closes the system, where you turn the electricity

on and off

Afrikaans skakelaar

IsiXhosa ighosha lombane

IsiZulu inkinobho kagesi; isiqhafazo;

isiciphizo

NON-RENEWABLE [ENERGY SOURCE]

Pronunciation *non ri-nyoo-uhb-l*

Part of speech adjective

Definition something that cannot be made

again very quickly

Afrikaans niehernubaar

IsiXhosa into engavuselelekiyo IsiZulu izimbiwa eziphelayo

WIND POWER

Pronunciation wind pow-wuh

Part of speech noun (no plural)

Definition energy used that is generated by

winds

Afrikaans windkrag

IsiXhosa amandla omoya IsiZulu amandla omoya

ACTI Name		1: Investigate electrical pathways Grade:				
Name	ð:	Grade:				
Hypot	thesis	activity you will make a simple electrical circuit. , materials: Refer to page 88 of the Learner's Book for the a list of materials and step-by-step instructions.				
Meth	od					
Steps	1-3	Follow the steps on page 88 of the Learner's Book.				
Step	4	Predict what will happen to the light bulb after you attach the ends of the first wire to the battery and the light bulb holder.				
Step	5	Follow the step on page 88 of the Learner's Book.				
Step	6	Predict what will happen to the light bulb when you attach the ends of the second wire to the light bulb holder and battery.				
Step	7	Follow the step on page 88 of the Learner's Book.				
Quest	ions					
1. Exp	1. Explain why the bulb did not shine after Step 5.					
2. Exp	2. Explain why the bulb lit up after Step 7.					
3. Dra	3. Draw your simple circuit.					
4	nort h	 vack to your class.				



ACTIVITY 2: Investigate materials that conduct electricity				
Name:		Grade:		
Aim: In thi through th	s activity you will test which materials allow elect em.	ricity to pass		
Hypothesis	s and materials: Refer to pages 93 and 94 of the L	earner's Book.		
Method: F	ollow Steps 1–4 on page 94 of the Learner's Book			
Step 5	Record your findings in the table below.			
Step 6	Repeat this process for all of your materials.	(14)		

Object	Metal or non- metal?	Will the light shine?	Does the bulb light up?	Was your prediction correct?	Categorise this object as a conductor or non-conductor
Copper wire					
Metal paperclips					
Ceramic mug					
Nails					
Wire					
Steel wool					
Coins					
Plastic cup					
Glass					
Cardboard					
Paper					
Wood					
Rubber					
Chalk					

Teacher assessment of experimental procedure: 6 marks

Total: 20 marks



Name:	Grade:
Draw a flow diagram of how fossil fuels are ma following steps:	de. Make sure to include the
 Plants and animals die 	
 Soil, rocks and water compress 	
 Pressure and heat 	
 Millions of years 	
Fossil fuels	
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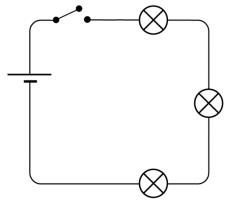
e:	Grade:
	es you have at home and record how opliance needs to run. Complete the tabl
Appliance	Power usage (watt)
kettle	2 000 watts
ate which appliance uses the	most power.
ame the appliance that uses t	he least amount of power.

4. Report your findings back to the class.

STRAND 3: Control test

Name:	Grade:
1. Match the words in (Column A with their meanings in Column B. (6)
Column A	Column B
1.1 Input energy	A Device which transfers the Sun's light energy into heat energy
1.2 Circuit	B Something that can be made quickly or easily
1.3 Renewable	C Devices which produce electricity from other kinds of energy
1.4 Generators	D Source of energy used to power a device
1.5 Fossil fuels	E Complete unbroken pathway of electricity
1.6 Solar panel	F Stored energy that comes from dead plants and animals
	[6
2. Draw the circuit sym	bol for the following electrical components:
2.1 Open switch	(1
2.2 Battery	(1
	[2
3. Name two ways in w	hich people connect illegally to the national grid. (2

l. State	e whether the following are conductors or insulators:	
4.1	Ceramic	(1)
4.2	Plastic	(1)
4.3	Wire	(1)
5. Expl	ain how the Sun powers your television.	[3] (4)
5. Stud	ly the following circuit diagram.	



6.1	State how many cells are connected to the circuit.	(1)
6.2	State how many light bulbs are connected to the circuit.	(1)
6.3	Explain why the light bulbs will not go on.	(1)

[3]

STRAND 4: Science vocabulary

ASTEROID LOW TIDE

Pronunciation loh tide **Pronunciation** ass-tuh-royd

Part of speech noun (no plural) Part of speech noun (plural: asteroids) **Definition Definition** when the sea is furthest from a piece of rock orbiting a planet

> the land or a star

Afrikaans Afrikaans asteroïde laagwater

IsiXhosa isijikelezi-langa esincinci IsiXhosa ukurhoxa kolwandle

IsiZulu IsiZulu itshe elincane elisemzileni ukuhlehla nokubuya kolwandle

> weplanethi noma inkanyezi okunomfutho omncane

CRATER MOON

Part of speech noun (plural: craters) Part of speech noun (plural: moons)

Definition Definition a large bowl-shaped dent in a large natural object or satellite

> that moves around a planet surface

Pronunciation moon

Afrikaans krater **Afrikaans** maan

IsiXhosa umlomo wentabamlilo IsiXhosa inyanga

IsiZulu imbobo entabeni ephuquka IsiZulu inyanga

umlilo

Pronunciation *krayt-uh*

ELLIPTICAL NEAP TIDE

Pronunciation i-lip-tik-l Pronunciation neep tide Part of speech adjective Part of speech noun (no plural)

Definition rounded shape like an oval **Definition** the lowest tide during the

Afrikaans ellipsvormig quarter Moon

IsiXhosa embhoxo **Afrikaans** dooie ty

IsiZulu IsiXhosa ukuzala okuncinane kolwandle -sambulunga IsiZulu ukuhlehla nokubuya kolwandle

okunomfutho emncane

ngesikhathi inyanga isilucezu

HIGH TIDE PLANET

Pronunciation hy tide **Pronunciation** *plan-uht*

Part of speech noun (no plural) Part of speech noun (plural: planets)

Definition Definition when the sea is nearest the land large object in space that moves

Afrikaans hoogwater around the Sun or another star

IsiXhosa ukuzala kolwandle **Afrikaans** planeet IsiZulu ukuhlehla nokubuya kolwandle IsiXhosa iplanethi

okunomfutho omkhulu IsiZulu iplanethi

REVOLUTION [PLANET MOVES AROUND SUN]

Pronunciation *rev-uh-loo-shuhn*

Part of speech noun (plural: revolutions)

Definition the movement of an object

around another object in space

Afrikaans omwenteling IsiXhosa Iomhlaba

IsiZulu ukuzungeza

SOLAR SYSTEM

Pronunciation soh-luh siss-tuhm

Part of speech noun (plural: solar systems)

Definition a sun with planets, satellites and

asteroids that move around it

Afrikaans sonnestelsel

IsiXhosa ilanga nezijikelezi

IsiZulu isimo sokuhambo kwelanga

nezinkanyezi

REVOLVE

Pronunciation ri-volv

Part of speech verb (revolving; revolved) Definition to orbit around an object

Afrikaans draai om; wentel om

IsiXhosa jikeleza IsiZulu zungeleza

SPRING TIDE

Pronunciation spring tide

Part of speech noun (no plural)

Definition the highest tide during the full

and new Moon

Afrikaans springty; springvloed

IsiXhosa intlakohlaza

IsiZulu ukuhlehla nokubuya kolwandle

okunomfutho omkhulu

ngesikhathi inyanga ihlangene

ROTATE [PLANET MOVES AROUND OWN AXIS]

Pronunciation roh-tayt

Part of speech verb (rotating; rotated)

Definition to spin or circle around an axis

(a central point)

Afrikaans roteer IsiXhosa -jikeleza IsiZulu

-zungeza

TELESCOPE

Pronunciation *tel-i-skohp*

Part of speech noun (plural: telescopes)

Definition a piece of equipment used to

look at objects that are far away

Afrikaans teleskoop

IsiXhosa isibonakude; iteleskopu

IsiZulu isibonakude

ROTATION

Pronunciation roh-tay-shuhn

Part of speech noun (plural: rotations)

Definition the movement of an object

when it spins on its own axis

Afrikaans rotasie IsiXhosa ukujikeleza IsiZulu umzungezo

TIDE

Pronunciation tide

Part of speech noun (plural: tides)

Definition the ongoing movement of the

> sea towards and away from the land that is influenced by the

phases of the Moon

Afrikaans gety

IsiXhosa ukuzala nokurhoxa kolwandle IsiZulu ithayidi; ukuhlehla nokubuya

kolwandle



ACTIVITY 1: Draw objects in our solar sy	stem
Name:	Grade:
Research the size of each planet in the solar seach planet is from the Sun. Draw a diagram of	•
1. Draw the size of the planets in relation to o	one another.
2. Give your diagram a heading.	
3. Label the different parts of the solar system	n.
4. Identify the interior and exterior planets.	



ACTIVITY 1: Compare the Sun, Moon and Earth

Name:	Grade:
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- 1. Compare the Sun, Moon and Earth by comparing their:
 - 1.1 size
 - 1.2 shape
 - 1.3 composition
 - 1.4 ability to produce light
 - 1.5 movement in relation to other objects in space.
- 2. Complete the following table.

	Sun	Moon	Earth
Shape			
Size			
Composition			
Ability to produce light			
Movement in relation to other objects in space			



ACTIVITY 1: Research, design, make and evaluate a Moon rover		
Name: G	rade:	
Design brief: In this activity you will research, design, make an Moon rover with working wheels and axles.	d evaluate a	
PART 2: Design your vehicle Work with your partner and design your own Moon rovers. You should each design a different vehicle using different materia and the body. Your designs should be drawn with a pencil. Mak materials. Add the following to your designs:	ls for the wheels	
 Heading and labels 	(2)	
• Materials used.	(4)	

Sub-total: 6 marks



 Match the words in Co B. 	lumn A with the correct definitions in Colum	n
((6)
Column A	Column B	
1.1 Satellite	A Piece of rock orbiting a planet or star	
1.2 Telescope	B Lowest tide during the quarter moon	
1.3 Asteroid	C Pull between two or more objects	
1.4 Gravitational force	D Planets orbiting a sun	
1.5 Solar system	E Object that orbits a bigger project	
1. Match the words in Column A with the correct definitions in Column B. (way
		[6]
2. List the gaseous plane	ts of our solar system.	(4)
3. Explain why we see on	ly one side of the Moon from Earth.	(2)
4. Describe the effects of	the Earth's rotation.	(4)

5. Redraw the picture of the Moon below.



5.1 Identify the Moon's craters.

(1)

5.2 Identify the Moon's plains.

(1)

[2]

Total: 15 marks



	TRAND 4: Control end-of-year exam lame: Grade:			
L. ľ			(6)	
	Column A	Column B		
	1.1 System	A Allows electricity to travel throug	h it	
	1.2 Conductor	B Complete unbroken pathway of e	lectricity	
	1.3 Circuit	C People steal electricity from the n	ational	
	1.4 Output energy	D Transfer the energy into moving velectrical energy	water to	
	1.5 Illegal connections	E Energy after it has gone through a	device	
	1.6 Hydroelectric power	F Many parts working together		
2. (Give two examples of a foss	il fuel.	[6] (2)	
- 3. (Give two examples of a sou	rce of electricity.	(2)	
- 1. E	•	made. Use drawings to illustrate your (4)	answer.	
(
5. E	Explain how hydroelectric p	ower stations work.	(3)	

_		
6. [Draw a circuit diagram with the following components.	
•	one battery)
•	two light bulbs	
	a switch (3)	
(You own a building company and the Minister of Housing have companies to submit a proposal design for a house that saves decide to submit a report. Suggest five things that your house will make it energy efficient.	energy. You
_		
-		
- - - 8.1	Define a solar system.	(2)
-	Define a solar system. Draw a diagram of our solar system labelling all eight planets in o	
- - 8.2		
- - 8.2	Draw a diagram of our solar system labelling all eight planets in o	rder from th
- - 8.2	Draw a diagram of our solar system labelling all eight planets in o	rder from th
- - 8.2	Draw a diagram of our solar system labelling all eight planets in o	rder from th (8)

9.3	Name	the shape of the Earth's orbit around the Sun.	(1)
			[4]
10.1	. State	how long it takes the Moon to rotate once.	(1)
10.2	State	how long it takes the Moon to revolve around the Earth.	(1)
10.3	Explai	n the effect of the Moon's rotation and revolution.	(2)
			[4]
11.	List tw	o ways in which people explore other planets.	(2)
12.			that
	12.2	List four components of this Mars rover. (4)	_

[5]

Total: 45 marks

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How to develop rubric and checklist assessment tools

Rubrics

A rubric is a tool teachers use to assess a learner's performance on a specific task. It is presented in the form of a grid that clearly outlines the criteria used for assessment as well as different levels of performance per criterion.

Benefits of using a rubric

- A rubric helps learners to understand objectives. Developing rubrics with your learners will help them to understand the purpose and content and help them to prepare for the assessment.
- A rubric has a clear and standardised approach to assessment, which ensures that learners are assessed consistently and fairly.
- A rubric allows teachers to provide specific feedback to learners, highlighting areas of strength and areas for improvement.
- A rubric helps learners get a clear idea on how to improve their performance after assessment.
- A rubric allows learners to self-improve. Encourage learners to use the rubric before they hand in their work.
- A rubric is easy to use and can be easily adapted to meet changing needs.

Steps to creating a rubric

Step 1: Clearly define the purpose of the assessment. Use the assessment guidelines in the curriculum documents to determine what task/assignment the learners are required to complete.

Step 2: Define the criteria.

Use the objectives in the curriculum documents to consider what skills, knowledge or behaviours the assessment will evaluate.

Make sure that:

- criteria can be observed and measured
- criteria are important to the task at hand
- each criteria assesses a single aspect of the task.
- Each criteria contains levels of performance. When creating these, consider:
- what will constitute outstanding achievement
- how will you define moderate or adequate achievement
- how would you define work that falls below expectations.

Ask yourself: Are there key criteria points that should carry a greater weight than others?

Step 3: Design a rating scale that clearly defines the levels of performance.

Check your mark allocation to ensure that your rubric falls in line with curriculum expectations. Make sure you use language and terminology that the learner is familiar with so that they have a clear understanding of what is required of them.

Provide a scale of achievement that can assess the learners' overall competency in completing the task. For example, you can provide an overall mark according to the seven-point scale of achievement:

Rating code	Description of Competence	Percentage
7	Outstanding achievement	80–100
6	Meritorious achievement	70–79
5	Substantial achievement	60–69
4	Adequate achievement	50–59
3	Moderate achievement	40–49
2	Elementary achievement	30–39
1	Not achieved	0–29

Step 4: Write descriptions of expected performance at each level of the rating scale.

Describe observable and measurable behaviour and use parallel language across the scale. Indicate the degree to which the standards are met. Ensure that learners understand the expectations before and during the assessment.

Step 5: Create the rubric.

Try to keep it to one page. Ask your colleagues for feedback and consider testing it before you use it for assessment. After you use the rubric, consider how effective it was and make any necessary revisions. Exemplar:

Criteria	
The learners:	Mark allocation
set up their experiments properly.	3
timed the rate of dissolving accurately.	3
recorded their results accurately.	3
Clay sides are neatly smoothed.	3
transferred their results onto a bar graph with labels	3
Total: 15 marks	

Checklists

A checklist is a simple assessment tool that provides a list of items or criteria to be checked off. It differs from a rubric in that it provides learners with the criteria of the requirements of an assignment rather than a means of assessing acquired knowledge. A checklist can be used solely by you as a teacher, or you can give your learners a checklist that they can refer to in order to make sure that they have included the required components for a task.

Checklists usually consist of a number of statements that refer to specific criteria and where the answer will be, for example, "Yes" or "No", or "Achieved", "Not yet" or "Almost".

Benefits of using a checklist

- A checklist ensures that all relevant criteria are assessed and evaluated.
- A checklist helps to ensure consistent assessment of specified criteria.
- A checklist can be used by learners as a self-assessment tool.
- A checklist identifies learning needs in a clear and simple way.
- A checklist is easy to create and use and provides an uncomplicated guide for assessment.

Steps to create a checklist

Step 1: Define the purpose and what you want to assess.

This could be specific skills or a general assessment.

Step 2: Identify the criteria.

What specific elements or content will be assessed?

Step 3: Create your checklist.

Check that it contains everything you want to assess.

Exemplar:

Criteria			
The learners	Yes	Partly	No
understood that an unhealthy ecosystem has one living thing that overpowers other living things.			
were able to describe the relationship between living and non-living things.			
were able to describe the relationship between living and non-living things.			

Intervention strategies

Baseline assessment and intervention strategies

Some learners may experience academic backlogs for various reasons, including the impact on learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic, underlying learning barriers or special education needs such as visual or hearing impairments or intellectual barriers. Baseline assessment will help you identify learners that may be experiencing these barriers.

Analysing baseline assessment questions will provide insight into learners' current knowledge and skills regarding certain topics, as well as their preparedness for the work ahead. The results of baseline assessments can help to identify the areas where learners require support and/or intervention.

Learners may require support and/or intervention for the following reasons:

- barriers to learning
- class size
- reading comprehension (the ability to understand what they have read).

Barriers to learning

Some learners may face barriers to learning. It is important to accommodate learners with barriers to learning to ensure that our classrooms remain inclusive. These learners may require and should be granted more time for completing tasks, acquiring thinking skills (own strategies), and completing assessment activities. Adapt the number of activities to be completed without interfering with learners gaining the required skills. Learners experiencing barriers to learning can also be paired with others who may be able to support them.

Class size

- Peer tutoring can be an effective intervention method when class size is problematic.
- Quieter learners often struggle in a large class, as they tend not to ask questions. Organising learners into groups or pairs can help to create a more inclusive and enabling learning environment.
- Ensure that groups are made up of learners with varying ability, so that learners who may be struggling are supported by their peers.
- Peer assessment can also be used successfully during informal assessment and allows you to gauge learners' understanding in a less intimidating manner than a formal test or assignment.
- The following strategies can be used in a large class:
 - Thumbs up/thumbs down: Check understanding by a show of thumbs. Thumbs up indicate that learners have understood; thumbs down show that they have not understood; thumbs sideways could show that they are not sure.
 - Response boards: These are small chalkboards or whiteboards where learners record their response to a question. When you say "Show your answers" they all hold up the board. This way you can quickly see who is struggling.

• Show fingers 1-2-3: Ask learners to show fingers to indicate if they understand activity instructions before working in a group. 1 = I do not understand; 2 = I sort of understand but I need some help; 3 = I understand completely.

Reading comprehension

- Support learners by giving them pre-reading questions and post-reading strategies to organise what they have learnt. Pre-reading questions could include asking the learners what they already know about the topic. Teach learners to summarise the content into bullet points and make use of mind maps. This requires the learners to rewrite the content in their own words.
- Write difficult terminology on the board and give simple explanations.
- Diagrams can be very useful to explain concepts in a way that learners can visualise the situation.

General teaching intervention strategies

Teach from the learner's point of view

- Put yourself in the learner's position: If you were the learner, what would you like the teacher to explain or show you that you could not learn previously?
- Remember that learners might still have emotional issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic, which you may need to address.

Reteach topic(s) for which learners achieved low scores (closing the gap)

- Focus on concepts, and not only on factual content. Then use illustrations to support learners'
 understanding and avoid superficial rote learning. The more "real-life" examples used, the easier
 it will be for the learners to conceptualise the topic.
- Make the structure of your lessons and teaching materials clear: State specific, achievable goals, provide graphic organisers to link parts of the lesson and give frequent summaries of sections of the lesson. A graphic organiser can be any visual representation of content that gives an immediate overview of main points.
- Refer frequently to your progress in terms of the lesson structure. This will help learners to develop an overall and cohesive (holistic) grasp of the content.
- Skills, knowledge and concepts run like threads through the previous grades. Explain these threads to learners, as you begin teaching a new topic or module it will help learners to link the new content to what they already know.

Metacognition

Metacognition is the ability to understand our own thought processes. It is essential that metacognition takes place during lessons.

Learners retain information best when they can visualise situations. Visual aids, such as flash cards and mind maps, and practical work can aid with developing metacognition, or getting learners to think about and understand their own thought processes. After completing practical tasks, give learners sentence starters to complete. For example: I learnt . . .; I wonder . . .; I still want to know . . .; I still don't understand . . .; I still have a question about . . .

Retaining information

- Flash cards and mind maps can be useful tools to help learners memorise facts.
- Encourage learners to break down content into more manageable sections. They can then create a mind map for each sub-topic. Tables can also help learners summarise content into more manageable sections.
- A mnemonic is a word, sentence or poem that helps you remember something. Mnemonics help learners to memorise content. Use the first letter of each word to create a sentence that the learners can memorise easily. For example, a mnemonic such as "Eat An Apple As A Nice Snack" can help learners to memorise the names of the continents: Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, Antarctica, North America, South America.

Develop presentation skills

Many learners find it challenging to speak in front of the class, but this improves with practice. Encourage learners to answer questions in class and take part in class discussions by using one or more of the following strategies:

- Use the think-pair-share method: Posing a question and giving learners a short time to think about it, followed by discussion with a partner and then sharing with others. Learners who are shy will find it easier to share ideas with a partner first.
- *Tell-check-say:* A learner tells the answer to a friend, together they check if the answer is correct by referring to the textbook, and then the first learner says the answer out loud to the class or writes it down.
- Target basic and then more advanced questions to specific learners based on their readiness to answer them: A good strategy is to first ask the question to the whole class. This ensures that everyone thinks about it. Then, ask a specific learner the question.
- *Keywords on cards:* These can be used to help the learner remember their presentation. Eye contact is essential, so emphasise to learners that they should not read their presentation.

Interventions for learners with special education needs

- Special educational needs may include visual or hearing impairments or intellectual barriers. Do
 not form an opinion about a learner too early This could lead to an inaccurate assessment of a
 learner's barrier, or an inaccurate assessment of the existence of a barrier (when in fact there
 may not be one). If the barrier is obvious after the first term and becomes a serious obstacle to
 the learner, seek professional help from the district office.
- Immediate steps could include: observing the learner inside and outside of the classroom, contacting the learner's previous teachers and consulting learner progress reports to understand their needs.

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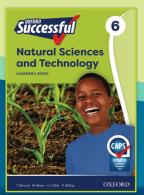
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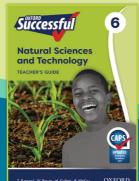


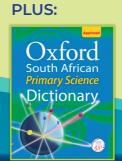
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